appeared in the 'Times of India' dated 14th June, 1994 that the Minorities Commission want a "Secular Police force"; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating any special recruitment in the force".

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 'Police' is a State subject the recruitment to the police forces is the concern of State Governments. However, under the 15 point programme for the upliftment of minorities, enunciated by the Government of India in 1983, the need to give special consideration to minorities in the recruitment of State Police forces was stressed. State Government has been advised from time to time to take special steps to encourage candidate from the minority communities for recruitment in the police forces and to ensure that the police forces retain their secular character.

Setting up of a Computerised Criminal Information System

1217. SHRI T. VENKATARAM REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any progress has been made under the project for setting up of a nation-wide computerised criminal information system during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c the steps being taken for the effective implementation of the project: and

(d) by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Yes Sir. Selection of Hardware and Soft ware for the project have been made and product conformity tests have been completed. Seven application Software packages have been developed and installed Forther, the process of imparting training to CCIS personnel is under way. A monitoring Committee have also been set up consisting of the representatives of the Government of India and State Governments to monitor the implementation of the project. The project is expected to be completed by June, 1995.

TADA detenues

1218. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons detained under TADA in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh from 6th December, 1992 onwards;

(b) what is the number out of them arrested between 6th December, 1992 to the date of Bombay bomb blasts and the number of persons detained after the Bombay bomb blasts in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(c) what is the break up about Muslims, Hindus, Christians and Sikhs;

(d) what is the number of designated Courts which have been established to try the cases under TADA in Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(e) by when these cases are likely to be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The infomation on number of persons detained under TADA is not maintained datewise and community-wise by this Ministry.

(d) As per available information, the Government of Maharashtra and Gujarat have established 8 and 18 Designated Courts to try cases under the Act, respectively.

(e) The Government, an Executive Body, is not in a position to say how